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Subject:

Oppose **H.B. 6355**: AN ACT CONCERNING A RISK PROTECTION ORDER OR WARRANT

Support **H.B. No. 6491** AN ACT CONCERNING NONLETHAL ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS

Dear Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose **H.B. 6355**. This bill completely disregards due process, putting the burden of proof innocence on the accused.

I feel that the current system in place allows an investigation to take place can quell retaliatory or malicious behavior by an accuser against another person. Having multiple law enforcement officers involved is important when you are attempting to make a decision to remove someone's means of defense and strip them of a right guaranteed by the Constitution of the State of Connecticut. This bill is trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist, as there are already currently systems in place to accomplish similar goals. I feel that the negative consequences of this bill outweigh the perceived benefits.

I hope that you will support **H.B 6491** to allow Connecticut residents more options in self-defense. Personally, my wife (who holds a CT pistol permit) would rather carry other means of protection than a firearm. By allowing her to carry an electronic defense weapon, we are allowing her and other citizens to have multiple options to protect themselves. Anybody who uses one in a negligent manner can still be held accountable and anybody who wishes to use one in a criminal manner would do so with the law the way it is!

Best regards,

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